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Kentucky is one of ten North American jurisdictions which currently participate in the ASPPB Reciprocity Agreement. Other participants are: Arkansas, Iowa, Manitoba, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Ontario and Texas. This participation means that Kentucky psychologists who are licensed at the doctoral level and who have practiced for five years with no disciplinary action against their license may gain licensure in any of the above participating jurisdictions without going through the often arduous licensing applications, procedures and tests. They may be asked to meet with the Board of the new jurisdiction and they may be asked to complete a test on local jurisprudence laws and procedures. While progress is being made in adding jurisdictions to the Agreement, many simply do not qualify for admission because their laws and procedures do not meet qualification standards.

An alternative route to licensing reciprocity is the Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ). The CPQ is a credential issued to individual licensed psychologists who meet standards of education, training and experience consistent with those of Reciprocity Agreement jurisdictions. Twelve states and provinces currently accept the CPQ for licensure mobility and eight more are in the process of making changes in their law and rules which would allow them to accept the CPQ. Those currently accepting the CPQ are, Alberta, California, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, Oklahoma, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin. Jurisdictions making changes to

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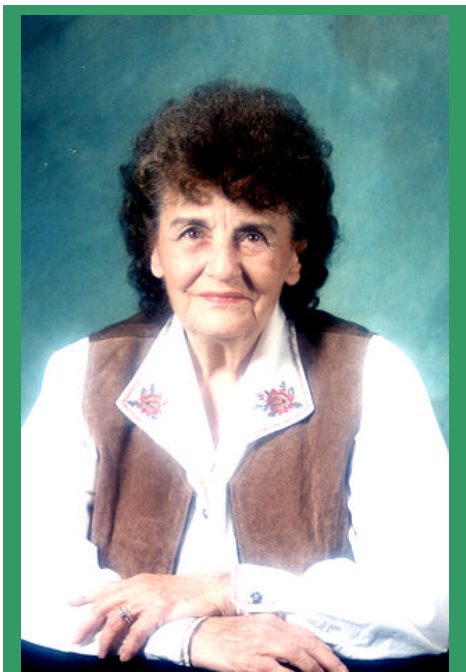
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MEET THE BOARD – Ruth Winter Bauman



Ruth Winter Bauman of Bellevue, KY serves as the Citizen-At-Large representative to the Board. Ms. Bauman is now in the third year of her second, four year term with the Board. She brings to her position a rich history of public service with particular interest in working with youth. Ms. Bauman was instrumental in organizing the Licking Valley Girl Scout Council in the 1950's, having served as vice-president of the group. Most recently, she was involved in the 50th anniversary celebration of the Brownie Troop where she had significant impact on the lives of many girls. The fact that she has touched so many young lives continues to be a source of pride. Ms. Bauman still enjoys the fruits of her labor as she is now approached by adults who thank her for all that she did to help them as children. Her selfless giving and determination to help others has truly reaped benefits in the knowledge that she has made a difference to so many. Ms. Bauman remains active, keeping busy with part-time jobs, but more importantly spending time with her 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She remains politically active and

EDITOR'S NOTE

This newsletter is the third of a planned series of reports to the psychological community by the State Psychology Board. Planned as a vehicle to summarize Board activities including Board Disciplinary Actions, we will additionally be introducing the various Board Committees with the goal of educating the psychological community and assisting psychologists in practicing legally. Reactions, questions and suggestions are welcome. Questions and comments of a general interest will be responded to in writing.

Continuing Education Committee Committee

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One of the most interesting presentations in the Mid-Winter meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) was presented by Jo-Linder Crow, Ph.D., APA's Director Office of Continuing Professional Education. Dr. Crow noted that most professions mandate continuing professional education as a requirement for renewal of license/certification.

The thrust of continuing professional education is to maintain competencies and ongoing improvement of those competencies. For psychologists, she emphasized:

- ? Exhibit ethical behavior in all professional activities
- ? Apply knowledge of the new sciences
- ? Demonstrate critical thinking, reflection, and problem solving skills
- ? Provide culturally sensitive care to a diverse society
- ? Use communication and information technology effectively and appropriately
- ? Practice leadership
- ? Continue to learn and help others to learn

She noted that the public and the legislators will increasingly demand evidence of competency from practitioners.

Forty states mandate continuing professional education for psychologists. Two states have enabling legislation and nine states do not mandate continuing education. Thirteen states require credits in Ethics/Law. One state requires content in psychopharmacology and one state requires content in domestic violence. The CE credit requirement ranges from fifty credits per year to ten credits per year. Twenty-one states require twenty credits per year.

The rationale for current state and provincial regulations is not uniform. Most professions believe that continuing education is necessary but there are no outcome measures to substantiate this position. The rationale for a specific number of credits per year is mostly anecdotal. Those in attendance at the ASPPB meeting agreed that increased uniformity of requirements and standardization is desirable and would facilitate transportability of credentials.

Board of Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2000

Psychology Board Meeting	January 10, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Oral Exams	January 21, 2000	9:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	February 7, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	March 13, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	April 10, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	May 8, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	June 12, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Oral Exams	July 14, 2000	9:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Retreat	July 20, 21, 2000	TBA
Psychology Board Meeting	August 7, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	September 11, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	October 9, 2000	10:00 a.m.
Psychology Board Meeting	November 2, 2000	10:00 a.m. (KPA)
KPA Convention	November 2, 3, 2000	TBA
Psychology Board Meeting	December 11, 2000	10:00 a.m.

Board Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken against credential holders by the Board since the last Newsletter. This summary is intended for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate; however, complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's written records.

Norman A. Davis, Psy.D.

8/6/1999

Settlement Agreement

The Board concluded that Dr. Davis, a Kentucky licensed psychologist aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of psychology by allowing certified psychological associates to practice psychology independently not under the employment and supervision of Dr. Davis. The Board and Dr. Davis agreed: 1) to have his license to practice psychology in Kentucky placed under probation immediately and under supervision for one year; 2) to pay the amount of \$910.00 for investigative costs to the Board; 3) to undergo supervision of his practice, if any, for a period of one year.

Donna G. Nichols, Psy.D.

2/7/2000

Settlement Agreement

The Board concluded that Dr. Nichols, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, showed an inability to practice psychology with reasonable skill and safety to patients by the misuse of drugs in the practice of psychology from approximately October, 1997, to September, 1999. Dr. Nichols also admitted engaging in a non-sexual, dual relationship with several patients. The Board and Dr. Nichols agreed that her license would be indefinitely suspended as of February 7, 2000, and that she can apply for reinstatement after a period of three years from February 7, 2000, or after two years if other conditions are met, and to pay a sum of \$2,250 for investigative costs to the Board.

Tom L. Wagner, Ph.D.

3/13/2000

Settlement Agreement

The Board concluded that Dr. Wagner, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, performed psychological services on a minor and disclosed confidential information about the minor to the non-custodial parent and step-parent without informed consent of the custodial parent or a court order regarding a child custody matter. Dr. Wagner also rendered a professional opinion about a person, a minor contained in an affidavit, deposition, and two written reports titled "Psychological Interview" and "Psychological Evaluation", without direct professional contact with or a formal assessment of the person. The Board and Dr. Wagner entered into an agreement whereby Dr. Wagner agreed: 1) to have his license placed on probation as of March 13, 2000, for one year from the date of the Settlement Agreement; 2) to pay the amount of \$425.20 for investigative costs to the Board; and 3) to undergo weekly supervision of his entire practice of psychology for a period of one year, with leave to petition the Board after 6 months to terminate supervision.

Dennis Sprague, Ph.D.

4/10/2000

Settlement Agreement

The Board alleged and Dr. Sprague admitted that Dr. Sprague, a Kentucky licensed psychologist, violated the law by listing under a heading titled "Professional Honors" a professional organization on his Curriculum Vitae dated January 11, 1999, which implied a status that is maintained and ongoing, when in fact he was not a current member of that organization. Dr. Sprague was charged with and denied offering, rendering, or providing testimony, diagnosis and an opinion about a person in a civil action without direct and substantial professional contact with or a formal assessment of the person. The Board and Dr. Sprague entered into an agreement whereby Dr. Sprague agreed: 1) to have his license placed on probation as of April 10, 2000, for one year from the date of the Settlement; 2) pay the amount of \$1850.00 for investigative costs to the Board; and 3) undergo supervision every other week of his entire practice of psychology for a period of one (1) year.

BOARD NEWS

In response to a concern brought by a psychologist, the board has contacted the Kentucky Board of Social Work and requested that they publicize that social workers are not to use the title "Psychological Evaluation" in custody evaluations. They were asked to remind social workers that KRS 319 protects the use of the title "psychological".

The board has formed a task force to study the licensure and certification requirements for individuals who wish to practice in the area of Industrial and Organizational Psychology. This project is headed by board member, Dr. Bob Illback, who will present recommendations to the board at the July retreat regarding what changes, if any, are needed to address the emerging issues in I/O Psychology.

During this academic year, representatives from the board have spoken with graduate students at Murray State University, Spalding University and the University of Kentucky Counseling and School Psychology programs. While most of the students raised concerns about the credentialing process, also mentioned were the difficulties which students in rural areas experience in finding training sites and doctoral supervision. The board is eager to meet with graduate students to apprise them of the application and practice requirements in Kentucky, as well as the new Code of Conduct and regulations describing the terms of employment for psychology students.

The current geographical distribution of persons licensed or certified is as follows:

Number of Licensed Psychologists Residing in Kentucky

Fayette County	162 (28%)
Jefferson County	206 (35%)
Northern KY (Boone, Campbell, Kenton)	32 (5%)
All Other Counties	186 (32%)

Number of Non-Resident Licensed Psychologists

204

TOTAL

790

Number of Certified Psychologists & Psychological Associates Residing in Kentucky

Fayette County	49 (13%)
Jefferson County	121 (33%)
Northern KY (Boone, Campbell, Kenton)	14 (4%)
All Other Counties	182 (49.7%)

Number of Non-Resident Certified Psychologists & Psychological Associates

58

TOTAL

424

There are three routes to obtaining a CPQ:

Option 1. An arduous review of credentials.

Option 2. Membership in the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology. This option will end December 31, 2001.

Option 3. Grandparenting. To qualify you must have been licensed prior to 1981. This option will end December 31, 2000 – only six months from now.

Because I currently hold a license in two jurisdictions, am licensed in a Reciprocity Agreement state and hold a CPQ, I can quickly and easily qualify to practice in 16 North American jurisdictions – with more soon to be added to the list. Because I was trained and licensed many years ago many aspects of my education and training might not meet current standards and many credentials and letters of reference might be quite difficult to obtain. Time is running out on many other Kentucky “old-timers” like me. I would encourage you to take advantage your opportunity to obtain a CPQ through the grandparent option.

For more information on the CPQ contact:

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